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Route 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Mr. Scott,

Following are excerpts from Dione Turner's letter to me of 2/13, from "isolation". Her name is "Dione" but she says they have her listed as "Diane".

"I have not heard from my Lawyer in a long time, not since before I wrote you last, which I don't understand at all. I sent him a letter explaining about my bond troubles since but don't know if he even got it as I haven't received word from him. I only have the 8¢ envelope which you sent me and am using it to write you with as you can see... Could you send him a letter from up there if I give you his address?

"Tell him this is a bad place to be in to put it mildly, especially for the inexperienced - me. That I got a check back and finally cashed & can at least post bond...I have a place to stay and a job...waiting for me here in Houston at Baylor Medical School and would rather pay him that way myself, but if he'd rather, I'll go ahead and get my sister to send him a check for whatever. Tell him I want to talk it over with him first though and will honor and trust his judgement and decisions totally. Tell him about my past medical trouble with my leg, that it got re-injured in here & I need to have it checked by the orthopaedic surgeons here in Houston who already have my medical records. Tell him I have been totally honest with him so far and always will be...Also tell him I'm Jewish, belong to several organizations which will advance me emergency loans but I don't know how to get in touch with them from here. Ask him why and if he'll refuse to handle my case any more, and to let me know by mail the reason and that I'll at least pay him for what he has already done for me. Tell him that I would want to know anything he has been able to find out about my case so far. Tell him I need to hear from him at least by mail. ...Mr. Scott knows I can write. I retained him by mail & he came to see me the day he got it..."

At some point she seems to have gotten a thing about being Jewish. I don't know if she converted, which is not all that easy in the orthodox Jewish belief, but she does write Biblical Hebrew.

She appears to be suggesting that you have abandoned her or to feel that you do not want to handle her case. Obviously, I have no knowledge of this, as I have no independent way of knowing whether she is innocent or guilty of whatever charge is against her. But I am certain, from her medical history, that even decent conditions of incarceration, whether or not they obtain for her or in Houston, can be dangerous if not irreversibly hurtful. This is why I asked that you please check into this as soon as it is possible for you to do so.

If you do not want to handle her case, can you arrange for other counsel for her? If some of the things she has told me are true, perhaps the ACLU might interest itself.

Sorry to seem to burden you, but she is far away and in apparent need.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg